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Dear Sir,

APPLICATION TO DISCHARGE CONDITION 13 (DISABILITY ACCESS) FOR PHASE 9 (VISITORS CENTRE) RELATING TO PLANNING PERMISSION REF: APP/24/00312

Portsmouth Water has recently submitted an application (app ref: APP/26/00574) to Havant Borough Council (HBC) for the approval of Reserved Matters relating to the North West Corner and the Visitor Centre (Phase 9) in connection with the Section 73 Planning Permission reference APP/24/00312 as amended by Non Material Amendment approvals APP/25/00837 and APP/25/00859 (hereafter referred to as the 'Section 73 permission') for a reservoir and associated infrastructure on land at Havant Thicket, adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park and Middle Park Way, Havant.

This application is to discharge Condition 13 of the above permission, in respect of Phase 9 (Visitor Centre) at the Havant Thicket Reservoir (HTR).

Overview of the Proposed Scheme

The reservoir, when constructed, will be filled with surplus water drawn from the springs at the Bedhampton works when flows are at their highest in winter via a new combined inlet/outline pipeline, and will provide water supplies to Portsmouth Water customers in the summer months as required. The increase in water supplies available on completion of the scheme will help Portsmouth Water to free up existing supplies in the west of the catchment area to share with Southern Water's customers to meet the region's challenges in the future, in particular relating to abstraction licence changes, predicted population growth and climate change which will all place pressure on meeting future water supply demand.

Complementary to its infrastructure resilience function, the reservoir will provide a new recreational facility/resource in an area which the community can access on foot, by bike, or through existing bus routes. It will also provide a new wetland habitat and associated area for nature conservation.

Conditions to be Discharged

Condition 13 states:

> *Before each phase of development approved under Condition 4 above is commenced, a scheme indicating the provision to be made within that phase for people with disabilities to*

gain access to publicly accessible areas and buildings shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed scheme shall be implemented before the land and/or buildings concerned are brought into use.

Application Details

The submitted Design and Access Statement (Urban Fabric Architects, August 2026, Revision P1), and the Building Regulations Part M Compliance Statement (Urban Fabric Architects, June 2026), sets out the proposed arrangements to meet this requirement.

Section 3.0 of the Design and Access Statement (pp. 55–57) establishes the inclusive access strategy for the Visitor Centre and associated recreational facilities. It explains how accessible internal and external circulation, legible layouts, inclusive signage and wayfinding, and appropriately located accessible toilet and changing facilities have been incorporated into the design. The accompanying Landscape Design and Access Statement (Appendix A) further demonstrates how the buildings and visitor facilities connect with the car parks, pedestrian routes and wider landscape.

The submitted Part M Compliance Statement provides further detail on the specific measures incorporated into the proposals, including level and appropriately sized access routes, accessible parking provision, accessible building entrances and internal circulation, wheelchair-accessible visitor facilities, and accessible sanitary accommodation. It also identifies the provision of a Changing Places facility within the Visitor Hub Building.

Taken together, these documents describe the proposed disability access arrangements for the Visitor Centre and associated recreational facilities and demonstrate how the development has been designed to provide access for people with disabilities to the publicly accessible buildings and areas.

The approved access arrangements will be implemented before the relevant land and buildings are brought into use, in accordance with the condition.

Please find enclosed the following information to satisfy the discharge of Condition 13:

- Havant Thicket Reservoir Visitor Centre and Recreational Facilities – Design and Access Statement – Urban Fabric Architects (August 2026) Rev P1
- Havant Thicket Reservoir Visitor Centre and Recreational Facilities - Building Regulations Part M Compliance Statement – Urban Fabric Architects (June 2026)

The applicant respectfully requests that the Local Planning Authority confirms the discharge of Condition 13 at its earliest convenience.

We trust that the enclosed information is adequate to enable validation and determination of the application. Should the Local Planning Authority require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07398 755525 or at tim.snell@agilia.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Tim Snell, Consents Manager, Havant Thicket Reservoir Project